from the members of the public which will be considered by the prescribed authorities.

Report on redevelopment of bungalow areas in New Delhi

357. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the Ministry on the redevelopment of bungalow areas in New Delhi has been considered by Government; and

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made in the report; and the reasons for the delay in taking a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Government has not yet taken a view on the recommendations make by the Working Group, constituted to recommend the lines on which the redevelopment of zones D.11 and D.12 of New Delhi should take place, in its report submitted to Government recently.

(b) The report basically recommends redensification of the area, while retaining its garden city characteristics.

Inclusion of Muslim Community in Backward Classes

358. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether backward classes are recognied on the basis of religon also;

(b) the names of States which have recognised Muslim Community as a backward class;

(c) the names of the States which have introduced reservation in employment in favour of the Muslim community on the grounds of backwardness; and

(d) the extent of reservation in each case?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) No list of Backward Classes other than those belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes is maintained by the Central Government.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Growth rate in Production of Cereals

359. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth rate in the production of cereals was about 3.1 per cent from 1949-50 to 1964-65 but declined to 2.6 per cent from 1967-68 to 1984-85;

(b) what are the fact and impact thereof on the Indian economy; and

(c) what is the trend now and how does it compare with the previous two and in (a) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Growth rate in the production of cereals was 3.24 percent per annum from 1949-50 to 1964-65 and 2.92 per cent per annum from 1967-68 to 1984-85. The decline in the growth rate of production of cereals is only marginal and is still higher than the rate of growth of population. As such, it did not affect the growth of Indian economy adversely.

(c) The first three years of the Seventh Five Year Plan (1985-86 to 1987-88) were not very favourable from the point of view of rainfall and wheather, However, rainfall and weather conditions have been very good during the current year and if the anticipated/ targeted production of cereals is achieved, the growth rate during 1985-86 to 1988-89 would compare favourably with those of earlier periods.

Re-vitalization of Gram Panchayats

360. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to re-vitalize the functioning of Gram Panchayats and related institutions in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes, if any drawn up on the subject;

(c) whether Government also intend to introduce suitable legislative measures for faciliting the implementation of the above schemes; and

(d) if so, by when legislative measures are expected to be brought forward?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Yes. The Government intend to re-vitalize the functioning of Gram Panchayats. The matter has been discussed in the five workshops of District Magistrates/ Collectors on Responsive Administration held during December, 1987 to July, 1988. Report of the workshops on 'District Planning and Panchayati Raj' was further discussed in the Conference of Chief Secretaries held on 30th July, 1988. Recommendations of the Conference of Chief Secretaries are proposed to be discussed in the Conference of Chief Ministers/National Development Council.

(c) and (d) These matters can be considered only after discussions at appropriate fora are over and in the light of conclusions emerging out of the discussions.

Services to Group Housing Societies in Mayur Vihar Extension

361. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:
SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA:

Will the Minsiter of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA has decided to provide infrastructural facilities like water, sewerage, roads and electricity first before alloting land to cooperative group housing societies so that harassment to allottees is avoided;

(b) if so, the progress of work for peripheral services like sewarage water, road and culvert etc. in Mayur Vihar Extension, Phase-II;

(c) whether DDA has handed over to DESU the third sub station site for 11 KV electric substation in Mayur Vihar Extension, Phase-II; and

(d) will DDA pay for any temporary augmentation work, as desired by DESU, for providing temporary electricity connection to SAMACHAR COOPERATIVE GROUP HOUSING Phase II which have already completed construction of flats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) DDA is required to provide developed land to Co-operative Group Housing Societies and the progress of various works is as follows:—

(i) Sewerage:

Scheme has already been approved by the MCD and the work is in progress.

(ii) Water Supply:

Approval of the MCD for the